

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
June 7, 2012

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the City Council Chambers on the 7th day of June, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Public Library, and 201 West Gray Street, 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Chappel, Farley, Goth,
Hoover, London, Perry and Stewart

Absent: Member Brockhaus

City Officials

Present: Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 3, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner London made the motion and Commissioner Farley seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Chappel, Farley, Goth,
Hoover, London, Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Farley made the motion and Commissioner Perry seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Chappel, Farley, Goth,
Hoover, London, Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE SOONER THEATRE

Jennifer Baker, Executive Director for the Sooner Theatre presented the annual report for the Theatre. Ms. Baker stated the theatre continues to thrive. They turned the Studio at 227 E. Main into a black box where they can do smaller shows.

For the 2011-2012 season the Main Event Series were: Robert Cray, A Tribute to Wayman Tisdale with Tom Braxton, The Oklahoma Rodeo Opry and the Four Freshman. The stage presentations were The Secret Garden and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

The Studio is busting, with 731 enrolled. In October, a group of 35 Studio students and their parents traveled to New York to gain a better understanding of the industry from the performers and professionals who live it.

An overview of rental activities, special events and festivals and outreach and development was given. A written report including the budget and financial information was submitted.

Jennifer Baker thanked the City for all they do to take care of the Sooner Theatre. This past year they received air conditioning, carpet and new curtains.

The board acknowledged the presentation

ITEM 5, being:

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED PARK NAMES MONROE PARK AND ROCK CREEK PARK FROM PARK NAMING COMMITTEE

Jud Foster told the board the Park Board Naming Committee met on May 17, 2012 to consider names for the new park at Monroe School and the new site located northwest of the I-35-Rock Creek Bridge. After consideration of several potential names for each location the committee is recommending that "Monroe Park" and "Rock Creek Park" be approved as the names for these two sites.

The Monroe site consists of four acres that the City has leased from the school system which is adjacent to the east side of the school. We received significant public input on the design of the park improvements which are now underway and scheduled to be completed before school starts this fall. The school Superintendents' office is in favor of the recommended name.

The site north of Rock Creek Rd and west of I-35 Bridge consists of 4.5 acres and is a result of a wetlands mitigation project relative to the construction of the Rock Creek Bridge. The site contains a pond, wetlands and tree plantings and a short paved walkway that will act as a spur off of the Legacy Trail pathway.

Commissioner Farley made the motion and Commissioner Perry seconded to accept the names. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Chappel, Farley, Goth,
Hoover, London, Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

ITEM 6, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

Jud Foster stated Commissioner London had requested a review of the Park Board 101 information and that he would be happy to do so. She had also requested that we summarize the Parkland Master Plan section by section. Park Board members were in favor of the review. Mr. Foster stated he would put this together.

Commissioner Hoover asked for an update of the storm damage. Jud Foster stated damage in the parks occurred mostly at Andrews and Rotary Parks. There were a total of 75 trees that were lost combined. Many of the trees were in the west fence line at Rotary Park. We are going to do a tree grant request to try to replace the trees in both parks. Cosmetic damages such as shingles at the gazebo and Andrews Building have been repaired. Repairs to benches and park furnishings will be forth coming. The City Council has included additional money for repairs in the 2014 budget.

Jud Foster stated the proposals are in for Monroe Park and the playground is on the agenda for next week. The perimeter walkway has been marked and the shelter has been ordered.

ITEM 7, being:

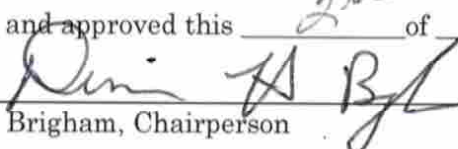
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farley made the motion and Commissioner Goth seconded to adjourn. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Chappel, Farley, Goth,
Hoover, London, Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 2nd of August 2012


Dennis Brigham, Chairperson